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Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the Government have received report from any other district?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Yes, Sir."

Alleged acceptance on the part of officers of the Revenue Department of supplies from village officers free of cost.

* 236 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any steps to enquire into the practice of the officers of the Revenue Department obtaining supplies free or at a nominal value from village officers; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any measures for strictly stopping this practice; if so, what the measures are that have been taken by the Government?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the provisions contained in paragraphs 112 and 113 of the Board's Standing Orders. The Government look to the Collectors to see that the provisions in the Standing Orders are enforced.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether the paragraphs 112 and 113 referred to in answer to this question have become a dead letter now?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Not that I know of."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether the Government are aware of the heavy expenditure involved in presenting addresses to these Revenue officers and whether there is any rule regulating the conduct of these Revenue officials?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The Government are not aware of such expenditure. Under the Government Servants Conduct Rules such officials may not receive addresses."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that some public officials have accepted entertainments at the hands of the public?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that the Special Officer of Madura did accept an entertainment at the hands of the public of Madura?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"No, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Government have framed any rules in regard to the presentation of addresses and entertainments to these district officers, or have left it to the sweet will of the persons concerned to arrange for or accept entertainments, which is assuming the proportions of a scandal?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I invite the hon. Member's attention to Government Servants Conduct Rules."